Dear Membership...

I would like to begin my note by saying “Thank You” to all the members and guests that attended our program at Liberty Hill. We had almost 60 members and guests in attendance to honor Dr. Bill Destler and Dr. Rebecca Johnson as they approach their official farewell to RIT.

We also held our annual scholarship presentations to four very worthy RIT women students. It is indeed a privilege to be able to continue our financial support to these students.

Our final program in May will feature Dr. Rebecca Johnson sharing her community efforts. We will also be voting on our next Board of the Women’s Council. Your input is important to the future of our group. Can we get another record attendance? I hope so... see you there!

Warmly,

Marianne Goff

MISSION: The Women’s Council has an impressive history of supporting RIT since 1955. Through its programs, the members of the Women’s Council will learn about RIT and be ambassadors for RIT in the larger community. The Women’s Council will raise funds to provide scholarships to RIT’s women students. The Women’s Council will actively seek to enhance the academic and campus life of RIT.
MAY MEETING - DR. REBECCA JOHNSON

Dr. Johnson has been another positive influence on the RIT campus. While her official title is Associate of the University, which is described as giving direct support to the President of the University, Dr. Johnson has been so much more to RIT by sitting on numerous boards and committees which has brought a real team effort to the innovations at RIT enacted by her husband in the last 10 years.

As a clinical psychologist, Dr. Johnson has been instrumental in several RIT initiatives such as CAPS (Center for Applied Psychology and Self-Regulation) a means to regulate anxiety in autistic individuals, Rochester City Scholars - a program that affords an opportunity for the brightest city school students to pursue higher education, and her commitment to both sustainability and non-violent resolutions of conflict, exemplify just some of her diverse talents.

Her involvement with an RIT series called “Gray Matter”, (monthly discussions in which the group deliberately takes on difficult, sensitive, and/or controversial topics), is positively influencing the culture of RIT. The idea is to make sure RIT students have the capacity to engage in civil and informed discussions of difficult issues, especially important since unfortunately there has not been a plethora of good modeling of this in the world recently. Dr. Johnson’s pride in “Gray Matter” stems from the personal inspiration it has become for her as she watches students deal with these matters with increased skill, dignity and grace.

Her list of accomplishments at RIT is as long as Dr. Destler’s! It is a great privilege to have Dr. Johnson close the 2017 WCRIT Speakers Program schedule. Please don’t miss this special opportunity!

APRIL MEETING RECAP

It was a bittersweet day at Liberty Hill for the members of the Women’s Council as Drs. Destler and Johnson hosted our group for the last time.

When Dr. Destler recounted all that has transpired with him at the RIT helm, one left the presentation with the feeling that he will be a hard act to follow. With increased enrollment, national university status, an energy efficient campus and reduced debt with an increase of new facilities, the accomplishments of the last decade are amazing!

Dr. Destler, down to earth as always, said he didn’t deserve the credit. He attributes the growth to his management philosophy of “find good people and then get out of their way!” Sounds like an excellent management style for all of us to adopt!

At the end of his presentation, the scholarship award recipients were announced. Due to some scheduling conflicts only a few attendees were present. But the combination of Liberty Hill and announcing the scholarships is a winning combination and hopefully next year the same will be possible.

ROCHESTER CITY SCHOLARS

In appreciation of the support that Drs. Destler and Johnson have given our Council and RIT, the Women’s Council of RIT Board has approved a contribution to the “Rochester City Scholars” program which they have established.

This program provides RIT tuition assistance to city students who meet the school’s acceptance criteria. Thank you for making a difference to our community!
BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

We are in the process of finalizing our slate of Board positions and currently have three open opportunities:

- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Membership

As you know, our board works very hard at keeping our organization running and making it grow. We would appreciate your help in filling these two positions to keep our WC group going strong. Please consider volunteering for one of these two important board positions. For more information, please contact Jo Ann Smith or Joanne Zelazny.

NEW MEMBER

Audry S. Liao
P.O. Box 307 Brockport, NY 14420 259-0138 (c)

Audry retired in March 2014 after working for over 33 years as a New York State licensed clinical social worker and a part-time college instructor in New York and West Virginia. She also worked as a consultant and program manager at various geriatric, substance abuse, mental health, and criminal justice settings in New York, West Virginia and Ohio.

Audry has traveled to several countries in the five continents, all 50 U.S. states, and most provinces of Canada. In the 1970’s she lived and worked in China for three years. She is able to speak some Chinese, French and Spanish.

Since retirement in 2014, she traveled to Antarctica, the Arctic Circle, made several pilgrimages to the Holy Land and designated Marian Shrines of Europe and South America.

Recently, Audry has been a volunteer with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and is a patron-level member of the Rochester Philharmonic League.

She earned the “Master Gardener” title from Orleans County Cornell Cooperative Extension in May 2015. In January 2017, she was elected as a board member of the Friends of Monroe County Cooperative Extension. She also remains a member of numerous professional organizations, local garden clubs and historical societies.

NOTE: Please add Audry’s contact information in your 2016-2017 Directory. In addition, Marcia Opperman’s email has changed (mzop832@gmail.com) please make that correction in your Directory.

PHOTOS FROM OUR APRIL LIBERTY HILL LUNCHEON!
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
Annual Dues are $35. If you are interested in joining, contact: Rosie Sepos, 72 Misty Pine Road, Fairport, NY 14450, (223-5247).
Dues help support the Council Notes and operating expenses, Margaret's House, the Outstanding Female Senior Student Award, and the RIT Ambulance Corps.

Additional gifts are tax deductible and may be directed to the Women's Council Endowed Scholarship of RIT or you may direct your gift where it is most needed to support the Women's Council of RIT.

If you wish to send a gift to the Endowed Scholarship, please contact Heather Engel, Assistant VP, Development & Alumni Relations, 585-475-2627.

2016-2017 Meeting Calendar

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VISION
The Women’s Council will support the mission of RIT by supporting the success of RIT women students, faculty, and staff.

Our 2016-2017 Program Chairs:
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